



THE WEATHER

Forecast: Local showers in the morning in North and Central Israel, becoming partly cloudy towards night.

Weather synopsis: Low over Turkey with a trough to East Mediterranean moving northeast.

Locality	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	14-20	15-22
Golan	10-16	12-18
Nazareth	12-18	14-20
Safed	10-16	12-18
Haifa Port	12-18	14-20
Tiberias	10-16	12-18
Nazareth	12-18	14-20
Afula	10-16	12-18
Shomron	10-16	12-18
Tel Aviv	14-20	15-22
Lod Airport	14-20	15-22
Jericho	10-16	12-18
Qana	10-16	12-18
Beersheba	14-20	15-22
Eilat	20-26	22-28
Tiran Straits	20-26	22-28

Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar yesterday received Prime Minister Golda Meir. Two new ambassadors presented their credentials to the President yesterday. They were Mr. Ramon Martinez Valls of Colombia and Mr. Roberto Pacheco Hertzog of Bolivia. Representing the Government at the ceremony was Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

The Swedish Ambassador, Mr. Sten Arvid Sundfeldt, yesterday called on the Justice Minister, Mr. Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro.

The Dutch Minister of Defence, Mr. Hans de Koster, and Mrs. de Koster were luncheon guests yesterday of the Interior Minister and Mrs. Yosef Burg.

The Ambassador of Haiti and Mrs. Musset Pierre-Jerome gave a reception at their residence in Ramat Hashikim last night to mark Haiti's Independence Day. Among the guests were Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, members of the Diplomatic Corps and senior Foreign Ministry officials.

A delegation of three professors from Denmark visited the Knesset yesterday and called on Deputy Speaker Reuven Arzi. The three — A. Norretranders, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Copenhagen University, N. Amstrup and J. Peterson — are visiting as guests of the Middle East Peace Institute.

A delegation of Technion teachers and students led by Professor John Wollberg and Mr. Uri Navon yesterday called on Haifa Mayor Moshe Eliama and presented him with copies of a petition to the Government on the threat to the Mt. Carmel National Park from the proposed expansion of the Nesher quarry.

Prof. Jan Mackay of the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne, will lecture on "The Pathogenesis of Chronic Hepatitis" on Thursday, February 1, 1973, at 12 noon, in Lecture Hall C, mezzanine floor, The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

A service to mark "A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" due to be held at the Holy Trinity Church in Jerusalem's Russian Compound at 8 a.m. Sunday, has been cancelled.

The Bar-Ilan University Orchestra, under the baton of Uri Sharvit, will give a concert on Sunday, February 4, 1973, at 8.30 p.m., in the Schleifer Auditorium on campus. The programme includes works by Bach, Britten, Dvorak, Molino, Morelli and Mozart.

An English-speaking Bnai Brith lodge for men and women is being organized in Haifa. For information call Dr. Elmer 04-241547. An organizational meeting will be held at 2 Wedgewood Ave., February 8, at 8.15 p.m.

ARRIVALS

Actor Hans Toppel, from London, where he signed an agreement to appear in the Chichester Festival this year (by 21 a.m.), Mrs. Elzbieta Toppel, president of the Swiss Zionist Federation and former president of Swiss Wizo, for the World Wizo plenary session.

Joseph Daleski, vice-president of the Zionist Revisionist Organization of South Africa and Life President of the S. A. Zionist Federation, with Mrs. Daleski; Robert Russell, U.S.A. national chairman; Irving Bernstein, U.S.A. executive vice-chairman; Rabbi Sam Schein and Mrs. Faye Schein (national Hadassah Medical Organization chairman); and Mrs. Charlotte Gibson, chairman of World Zionist Executive, American Section, to attend the Jewish Agency Assembly.

Woman, 73, killed by car

TEL AVIV. — An elderly woman pedestrian was killed here in a traffic accident on Tuesday night. Zippora Rocattelli, 73, of Holon, was hit by an automobile as she was crossing Rehov Hanania in Holon. She was critically injured and died on the way to hospital. Police are investigating the cause of the accident. (Him)

MILK DELIVERY will go back to normal following the end of a go-slow strike at Tuva's milk-bagging department in Haifa. The 45 workers involved will go back to regular work this morning pending settlement of their dispute.

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Thousands at funeral of Baruch Cohen

Security man shot in Madrid



Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Baruch Asher Cohen, the security agent shot in Madrid Friday by a Palestinian, was buried here yesterday with full military honours. Thousands of mourners attended the funeral, including members of the bereaved family, colleagues in the security services, Haifa Sephardi Chief Rabbi Yosef Massas, Menahem Begin, M.K. and members of the City Council and the armed forces.

At 10.30 the funeral procession left Ramat Hashikim, where the coffin was placed on a command car as an army honour guard presented arms. The cortege first drove to the home of the bereaved parents and then to the Etz Hachaim cemetery. The Chief Army Chaplain, Tat-Aluf Mordechai Piron, recited psalms, and Cohen's father said, "Kaddish."

Cohen's commander, in a graveside tribute, said he had served the nation for many years without glory or publicity. Only a few knew the importance of his work. The campaign for Israel's security, in which he had played his part, was not yet ended; and his many deeds could not yet be published. "The day will come when the nation will know how great is the debt it owes him," he said. "I can tell you that you can be proud of him."

A colleague in the security services said that, after Baruch Cohen fought terrorism in Nablus and Gaza, he had been transferred to Europe

to safeguard Israelis from Arab terrorism there. Chief Chaplain Piron said Baruch Cohen had given his life for the sake of the State. He dwelt on the difference between the courage of soldiers in uniform who go to the front together with their comrades and that of the lone soldier who faces the enemy in a foreign land, far from home and comrades.

An army guard of honour then fired a salute over the grave.

A few hours later, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan walked over to Cohen's grave from another fresh grave — that of former Chief of Staff Ya'acov Dori — and stood in silent homage for several minutes. About the same time, Prime Minister Golda Meir called at the home of Cohen's parents at 12 Rehov Hashikim, to console the bereaved family in the name of the Government.

At the Cohen home, friends praised the fortitude of Cohen's wife, Nurit. It was she who sustained the morale of his parents since word came of his death. "Without her," a friend said, "he could not have accomplished what he did."

The Cohens had four children. Baruch Cohen grew up in a family with a tradition of fearlessness. Three brothers were active in the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi (I.Z.L.) and were interned by the British. Baruch's eldest son, Yehuda, is named for a brother who fell in action on the Egyptian front, in the Rafah Approaches.

The elder Cohens still live in a house in lower Hadar Hacarmel that was in the front line of Arab attacks in 1947 and '48. Urged by friends to move temporarily to a safer area, Haim Cohen refused, replying, "The Cohen family does not surrender to Arab gangs."



The family of security agent Baruch Cohen at his grave yesterday. Cohen's mother, centre, is supported by two of her other children. (Israel Sun)

European Basketball Cup games

T.A. Maccabi beats Milan but loses in overall points

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi last night scored a brilliant 113-88 victory over Simmenthal of Milan, but the Italian basketball champions won the two-leg European Cup tie by an overall nine points.

This leaves the Israeli champions with virtually no chance of continuing in the European Cup Games. Cheered on by a full house of 10,000 fans at the Yad Eliahu Sports Palace, Tel Aviv Maccabi nearly pulled off a sensational overall win. With eight minutes to go the Israeli champions surged into a 29-point lead, only six precious points off a quarter-final group victory.

But the Italians refused to be broken by Maccabi's exuberance and impetus, and deliberately slowed down the game. First Steve Chubbin, then Tal Brodie, had to leave the court with five fouls; but despite these manpower setbacks Maccabi fought back to a 29-point lead with 37 seconds to play. It was too late, for again the Italians steadied themselves and reduced the Maccabi lead.

Tel Aviv Maccabi had some brilliant minutes of basketball last night, but their lapses in defence proved expensive and failed to see them through the magic 34-point margin that Simmenthal built up in Milan last week, winning 108-74.

The score in last night's game was 61-41 at half-time. The top Maccabi scorers were Chubbin, with 26 points; Menkin, 22; and Brodie 21 points. Brodie was back in top form last night, and Chubbin also played an aggressive game. For the visitors, Barometti and Barriera each scored 21 points.

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dret's Jerusalem headquarters, where Secretary-General Ben-Aharon held a brief press conference.

"Preliminary cost-of-living statistics for January indicate a rise of about two per cent," he stated. "This is a bad omen for 1973."

Mr. Ben-Aharon said the Histadrut would refrain from submitting new pay demands if the 1973 price increases could be held below eight per cent. "Otherwise, we reserve the right to act," he asserted.

He repeated his statement of some weeks ago, that the Histadrut would demand a mid-year cost-of-living pay adjustment if the price index rises by more than four per cent by that time.

Mr. Ben-Aharon added the Histadrut would "try its best" to abide by the work agreements it has signed in the past few months, which, according to him, cover approximately 90 per cent of the country's organized workers.

Mr. Ben-Aharon said he hoped the committee decided on by the meeting would report back within "days, or at most a few weeks," in view of the urgency of the matter. "They are not working on a five-year plan," he added.

Our economic reporter notes that a month ago, Labour Minister Josef Almog suggested establishing such a committee. However, at that time Mr. Ben-Aharon rejected the idea out of hand, and suggested that Mr. Almog "pay more attention to the main responsibility of his office — such tasks as reduction of work accidents and paving better roads."

A spokesman for the Manufacturers Association, who were not represented at yesterday's meeting, welcomed the decision to appoint

Anti-inflation fight

the committee, but expressed reservations.

Mr. Avraham Shavit, vice-president of the Association, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "We made the same proposal six months ago at a meeting with the Prime Minister. We shall go along with this renewed suggestion — but without much optimism at this stage. We simply do not see what kind of agreement can be achieved with the Histadrut, under present conditions, to halt inflation."

(See Leader page 8)

'New package deal needed'

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Tourism Minister Yehuda Shari' (Independent Liberal) yesterday called for a new package deal involving curbs on taxes, wages and prices as "the only way" to curb inflation.

Addressing an I.L.P. meeting here, Mr. Shari' warned that without a new overall agreement embracing Government, employers and trade unions, the present inflationary spiral would get out of hand.

Mr. Shari' proposed that only part of the promised wage rises for 1973 be given in cash, with the other part paid in deferred-payment bonds, just as employers now pay a compulsory loan. He also advocated paying another Cost-of-Living allowance payment if the Price Index rose by more than 5 per cent.

In addition, a price council should be set up, with the Government doing its share by cutting income tax and reducing customs duties.



Prime Minister Golda Meir paying her last respects to the late Rav-Aluf Ya'acov Dori at the Technion yesterday. Seen in the background are Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and, behind him, Communications Minister Shimon Peres. (Israel Sun)

Six generals carry coffin

First Chief of Staff, Dori, laid to rest

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — His coffin borne by six generals, Israel's first Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Ya'acov Dori, was laid to rest at the Etz Hachaim military cemetery here yesterday afternoon. Rav-Aluf Dori died on Monday, aged 73.

From 11 a.m. the body lay in state at Churchill Auditorium on the campus of the Technion, of which Dori was president for 14 years after leaving the army.

David Ben-Gurion, who appointed the late Chief of Staff in 1949, stood at attention by the coffin, and then departed quietly.

Despite driving rain, many came to pay respects, filing past the coffin draped in the national flag and flanked by an honour guard of soldiers and Technion staff.

Funeral rites began at 1 p.m. Prime Minister Golda Meir, clad in black, attended, along with Cabinet ministers, Chief of Staff David Elazar, Knesset members and former soldiers of the Hagana, which Dori headed before 1948.

The British air attaché, Group Captain A.D. Boyle, represented the foreign military attaches. Col. C.M. Barrett of the Royal Fusiliers, Dori's regiment in World War I, also paid his respects.

Six General Staff officers flanked the coffin and a guard of honour

from the Golan Brigade took up position at its head. The Chief Military Chaplain, Tat-Aluf Mordechai Piron, chanted "El Maleh Rahamin."

Dori was then eulogized by Technion president Alexander Goldberg; the vice-chairman of the Board of Governors, Col. J. Elyachar and High Court Justice Moshe Landau. Dori's sons, Dr. Zvi Dori and Tat-Aluf (res.) Yerahmiel Dori, said Kaddish.

The six generals — Shmuel Gonen (head of the Training Command), Mordechai Hod (Air Force), Amos Horev (Chief Scientist), Eliahu Zeira (Intelligence), Herzl Shafir (Manpower) and Elaynarin Telem (Navy) — then carried the coffin on their shoulders to a waiting command car, which led the funeral procession to the cemetery.

At the cemetery, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren joined the procession, and Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf David Elazar eulogized Dori. He said the armed forces stood at attention and lowered its flags at the grave of Rav-Aluf Ya'acov Dori, whose life had been dedicated to the establishment of the Jewish defence forces.

"Together with all of Israel and the bereaved family, Zahal mourns his death and salutes his memory," said Rav-Aluf Elazar.

MEIR TELLS BONDS GROUP: Israel won't accept, nor demand, conditions to talk

Jerusalem Post Reporter
"We won't accept pre-conditions in negotiating with the Arabs, and we shan't demand pre-conditions either," Prime Minister Golda Meir told a farewell dinner for a group of Bond leaders in the Knesset yesterday.

Questioned about a possible role for U.S. presidential adviser Henry Kissinger in achieving a Middle East settlement, she disclaimed any knowledge, but added that the U.S. administration believes that differences should be settled between the disputing parties. "If Dr. Kissinger or anybody else can help convince our neighbours that this is the thing to do, we shall be very grateful."

Mrs. Meir made reference to the funeral in Haifa of Baruch Cohen, the intelligence agent killed in Madrid. His family has been in Israel 150 years; they came from Morocco, she said. Baruch was one of six children, and the second to die in the line of duty. She cited a phrase uttered to her by his widow, Nurit: "For you it's worse. For us it's one person, but you have so many."

This made Mrs. Meir remember the solicitude of the last British High Commissioner, who had asked her in 1947 why she did not remove her daughter from Kibbutz Revivim in the Negev, which the Egyptian Army was sure to destroy. "I was compelled to tell him that all the girls

in the Negev kibbutzim had mothers, not just my daughter," Mrs. Meir said.

In presenting the Prime Minister with a silver plaque commemorating Israel's Declaration of Independence, Sam Rothberg, Bonds' chairman, disclosed that a book containing a collection of Mrs. Meir's speeches is being released today. Edited by Marie Syrkin and published by Putnam's, it also contains biographical material, he told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Health insurance scheme for the West Bank

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
About a quarter of the West Bank population will be covered by cheap, comprehensive health insurance after March 1, it was learned yesterday. Civil servants and West Bankers who work in Israel will be the chief beneficiaries of the scheme.

But other groups of workers are free to join the scheme, which may eventually cover the entire population, it was announced.

For a monthly premium of IL6, workers will be provided with all health services free and family members will be entitled to a 50 per cent reduction on medical fees. Temporary and seasonal workers will be covered if they are registered with a labour exchange and pay the monthly premium. Welfare recipients will be covered free of charge.

Specialized medical treatment available only in Israel and not here, the West Bank will be paid for under the scheme. The plan does not yet embrace the Gaza Strip.

Hunger strike threat by Haifa slum-dwellers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Residents of the Kiryat Haim West ma'abara, who have been staging a sit-down strike across from City Hall since Sunday, announced they will begin a hunger strike today.

The several dozen strikers yesterday remained camped at the site despite the almost incessant rain which began Tuesday night. During the night most of their makeshift tents collapsed, and many of them sought temporary shelter in the hallways of apartment buildings nearby.

Nevertheless, the strikers — among whom are a number of sick children running fevers — refused to leave the spot. They claim the Municipality has failed to keep promises of rehousing it made during a similar sit-down strike last May.

A small force of policemen has been posted to keep the demonstrators from attempting to force their way into City Hall, as they tried to do on Tuesday.

Automatic responsibility on drivers

Judge urges: Ease litigation in road deaths, injuries

Drivers — or their insurance companies — will be automatically responsible for deaths or injuries they cause to other road-users, regardless of any contributory negligence by the victim, under the recommendations of a committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Zvi Berenson made public yesterday. The committee called for changes in the law to bring in automatic liability in motor accidents, thereby reducing the drawn-out legal process now often involved in accident litigation — and preventing additional suffering to injured parties which this often entails.

Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro has already announced his adoption of this main recommendation of the Berenson Committee, which he appointed to seek reforms in the laws regarding damages. He is to introduce legislation in the Knesset enacting automatic responsibility in accidents.

Justice Ministry officials believe that such a reform need not entail rises in car insurance premiums. Justice Berenson said he thought so too, but recalled at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday that similar reforms in Finland in 1969 had led to an 11 per cent rise in premiums. He admitted, however, that the representative of the insurance companies on his committee had predicted a 25 per cent rise. Justice Berenson thought even such a rise would be worthwhile if the reform produced prompt payment of damages to the more than 15,000 people injured in road accidents each year.

The Berenson recommendation for automatic responsibility only applies to death or personal injury — not to damage to property. Under present conditions, the Justice said, accident litigation can take up to five years, with drawn-

out legal debates around questions of responsibility and torty negligence.

The Berenson Committee recommended that courts be empowered to award interim damages on account of a final settlement even before the injured party filed his claim and while he was under medical attention.

Another recommendation of interest on payment of damages at 15 per cent in order to enable insurance companies to pay promptly.

Among the procedural recommendations for all actions for damages is one which would oblige both parties to reveal all claims in their statement of defence, and that the two sides keep their cards under wraps until the hearing, and this obviously drags out proceedings.

The Committee also recommended that judgment be handed down in a reasonable time after the trial (30 days, with a possible extension) and that the parties themselves be heard on compensation, without postponement.

Justice Berenson has asked legal fraternity and the public general to voice their opinion on his Committee's recommendations.

Frost caused damage to crops of IL63m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Farmers will receive a total of IL63m. for damage caused by the recent frost, according to David Gilboa, general manager of the Insurance Fund for Nature Damage to Agriculture.

Mr. Gilboa noted that the compensation for the unprecedented frost damage wrought during the last week of December and the first week of January was nearly double the entire sum paid out by the Fund (IL37.5m.) since it was established five years ago.

Mr. Gilboa presented the following figures on the cold wave damage to the Fund's Board of Directors' meeting:

- Citrus fruit — 255,000 tons of fruit costing IL33.9m.
- Vegetables — 45,000 dunnams of open fields and 9,000 dunnams under plastic, worth IL16.7m.
- Flowers — 2,000 dunnams (an estimated 15 million flowers for export), valued at IL4.5m.
- Bananas — 15,000 tons, worth IL3.5m.
- Fish ponds — 1,000 tons of fish lost, worth IL2.4m.
- Avocados — 2,500 tons, a loss of IL1.8m.

He noted that the fund already paid out in January, compensation totalling IL4.7m. for frost damage. The Board was advised of an expected deficit of IL54.5m., part of which will be covered by accumulated funds. However, the Fund will be obliged to ask the Government to honour its guarantee and cover IL43m. of the deficit — half in grant form, half as a loan. The meeting resolved to ask the Agriculture Minister to expedite legislation for compulsory insurances of nature damage to agriculture, which would oblige all farmers to insure their crops with the Fund.

More rain expected

Jerusalem Post Staff
The weatherman predicted more rain for today to supplement the gales and thunderstorms that struck most parts of the country yesterday.

The Tel Aviv area was buffeted by heavy winds, while intermittent rain and hail storms hit Jerusalem. Gale winds, reaching a velocity of 120 km. per hour, were recorded in Upper Galilee. In the Safed area, 20 mm. of rain fell during the 24-hour period ending at 8 p.m. last night, bringing the season's total to 230 mm. — still 10 mm. less than last year.

Temperatures forecast for today: Jerusalem, 5-12; Tel Aviv, 8-9; Haifa 10-19.

Lod customs man suspended in airport bribes case

LOD AIRPORT. — One of the airport customs men arrested 10 days ago on suspicion of accepting bribes was released yesterday on IL2,500 bail. The man, Nehemia Capon, has been relieved of his duties until the legal proceedings against him are concluded.

Another suspect in the bribery case, Michael Semyon, is still being held. Mr. Semyon was chairman of the works committee in the airport customs shed. Herzl Ben-Moshe of Kiryat Shalom, who was arrested on suspicion of paying bribes to the two officials, has also been released on bail.

Ahdut Ha'avoda leaders score "Gush" tactics

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The former Ahdut Ha'avoda wing of the Labour Party last night resolved to close ranks inside the party in the face of the "Gush" bloc of ex-Raf members of the Gush bloc of ex-Raf members convened at party headquarters to demonstrate their satisfaction with the proposed unity in the party which was formed in 1968 together with Mapai and Raf. The meeting was presided over by opposition to the appointment of Abraham Ofer, M.K., head of the party's election campaign headquarters.

However, there was no intimation of causing any split with the hour Party Deputy Premier Yigal Allon emphasized. He sought to highlight the differences between group and ex-Raf, declaring: "I am protesting but we are not leaving the Chimeria Hall." It was a reference to the Raf rally that large Tel Aviv auditorium fore the 1969 elections, when a split was displayed.

Most speakers stressed that argument was not with all of the group, but with what had become a system. Mr. Moshe Carmel, proposed that instead of Mr. Ofer, a special campaign committee for the next election be headed by Ben-Aharon and that the Raf elections unit should be led by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

It was resolved that Labour Party Secretary-General for Ahdut Ha'avoda Abraham Goren would for the present follow the example of his ex-Raf colleague, Mordechai Surkis, and boycott a party election committee.

Mr. Ben-Aharon was present but did not speak. The absence of a leader-without-portfolio Israel caused some comment.

Terrorists get life for murder of cellmate

TEL AVIV. — Two terrorists serving 25-year sentences for a botched murder were sentenced to life imprisonment by the District Court yesterday, for the murder of a cellmate last April.

The two, Abdul Kader el-Wahid, 22, and Hafez Abu Hayat, 24, were convicted of strangling Moshe Shalom Zarfari, a 37-year-old Arab, who was serving a 15-year sentence with them at Beit Lid prison.

The two admitted the charge but announced they did not recognize the right of the court to try them. The three-judge panel, however, told the pair it would not permit them to turn the trial into a political one, and permitted the prosecution to present its evidence, despite of the accused's admission.

Shmuel Hauser, Haifa journalist, dead at 61

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Shmuel Hauser, former Haifa correspondent of "Al Hachin" was buried here yesterday. He died of a heart attack on Tuesday night. Hauser, who was 61, survived by his wife and two sons.

Eulogies were delivered by Abraham Abramovsky of the local Haifa branch, Mordechai Salamish of "Al Hachin" and Shlomo Shari, chairman of the Haifa Journalists Association.

Hauser was born in Poland and came here in 1935. He worked for "Al Hachin" for over 20 years, specializing in labour and municipal affairs. (See early story P. 5)

The Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel
THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
mourns the death of a devoted friend
ALICE VAN BUUREN
of Belgium.



Buenos Aires air link 'not before summer'

Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter
Inauguration of regular flights between Buenos Aires and Lod, originally scheduled for last September and repeatedly postponed, is not likely to take place before the summer, at the earliest.

Although a draft agreement was signed between Aerolineas Argentinas and El Al last year, the Argentine carrier is understood to have requested more time to iron out a number of "financial and other" aspects of the operation.

Israel, for its part, is prepared to begin regular weekly flights on the route as soon as the signal is given; flight schedules have been worked out and aircraft budgeted. It is hoped the route may finally be opened by autumn.

Meanwhile, El Al has completed arrangements to augment its Lod-New York schedule with a non-stop westward flight beginning April 26. Non-stop flights in the opposite direction have been part of the schedule for some time, but a similar service out of Lod will be possible only after receipt of the third Boeing 747 jumbo, to be delivered April 23. (Westward crossings of the Atlantic have to buck head winds most of the way.)

Longer-range plans call for a Lod-Bangkok run next year, a first stage of a Far East schedule which is expected eventually to extend to Singapore and Manila. Sharper hopes to anchor the route in Japan faded recently, when Tokyo indicated it is not prepared to conclude a civil aviation agreement with Israel.

Civil aviation men get IL70 rise

LOD AIRPORT. — Some civil aviation employees in Israel will receive a IL70 monthly pay rise, retroactive to last April. The rise is the result of a strike held two months ago which paralysed the country's airports.

At that time it was decided to bring the aviation workers' salaries up to those of El Al and the Israel Aircraft Industries. The increase, which applies to all but temporary workers, will cost the Treasury about IL750,000 a year. (Itim)

Gaza men held for smuggling

GAZA. — Two residents of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip were arrested Tuesday night along with IL20,000 worth of goods they are suspected of smuggling into the Strip.

The two were stopped at a checkpoint near El Arish. A search of their car disclosed the merchandise — including lengths of fabric and cigarettes — which is believed to come from Egypt. The goods were seized for examination by customs authorities. (Itim)

AN ELDERLY RESIDENT of Rehov Lillienblum in Tel Aviv, Shraga Fingeryk, 63, was robbed of IL2,000 Tuesday evening by a man who waylaid him in the hallway of his house. The robber snatched Mr. Fingeryk's wallet and fled in a waiting vehicle, police believe.

Rally for Arab Jewry at Univ. of Negev

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Hundreds of students at the University of the Negev took part yesterday in a demonstration on behalf of Jews in Arab countries.

Prof. Haim Hanani, Rector of the University, told the students, "Even mighty Russia gave in to public pressure — which, in the final analysis, consisted of many meetings like this one." It might take the Syrians a little longer, he added, but they will also give in to public opinion, eventually.

The Rector said the demands for freeing Syria's Jews should not insist they be permitted to go to Israel — it would be a great help if they were allowed to go to any country where they would be treated as human beings.

Mayor Eliyahu Navi said the rally lent moral support to Jews incarcerated in Arab jails. "Our voices penetrate the prison walls, and let them know they are not being abandoned," he said.

Kahane to be tried 'soon' for arms smuggling

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish Defence League leader Meir Kahane is to be prosecuted "within a few days" for attempting to smuggle arms out of Israel, informed sources said yesterday. The charges against the rabbi and several of his "lieutenants" are expected to be filed at the beginning of next week. Also involved in the case is former I.Z.L. underground officer Amichai Pagan. The alleged smuggling attempt took place last summer.

No decision has been made when to prosecute Rabbi Kahane for his campaign to persuade Israeli Arabs to leave the country. The Attorney-General, Meir Shamgar, suggested last month that Kahane could be charged under the law of sedition, and Justice Minister Y. S. Shapiro mentioned this in the Knesset. Now, however, the Ministry seems to be having second thoughts on whether a sedition charge would stand up in court, the sources said.

Face lifting for Dizengoff Circle

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dizengoff Circle, one of the city's main attractions, is to get its face lifted. Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz announced yesterday that the circle is to get new benches, lighting and pavements.

The pavements and the road around the circle will be done in multi-colored granite. Work is to start shortly and is expected to be completed in three or four months. The Municipality is also considering the introduction of standardized structures for cab stations. The structures would be made of hard plastic in bright colours.

KUPAT HOLIM's budget for 1973/74 is expected to exceed IL750m. (as compared with this year's budget of IL650m.), a spokesman announced recently. Reasons for the increase are more patients, higher salaries, 300 new workers, 300 new hospital beds, higher costs for medicine, and a new department for aged persons and chronically ill.

Fund-raisers ogle Egyptians on Canal tour

By MARY SELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of exhausted Israeli Bonds leaders flew to the Suez Canal yesterday to see firsthand the Israeli fortifications, stare at the Egyptians on the other side, and tour the living quarters of the troops — all this to fire their spirits for the year ahead in which they have promised to collect \$380m.

The Bonds leaders, many of whom complained they hadn't had a proper night's sleep during the three days since they arrived in Israel, were waiting bleary-eyed in the lobby of the King David Hotel at 6.30 a.m. for the bus to Jerusalem's Atarot Airport. But although a group heading for Allenby Bridge got off on schedule, sandstorms in Sinai prevented the Canal-bound group from leaving until two-and-a-half hours later.

In the interim they snoozed in the lobby and chatted good-humouredly about their fatigue and their departure time from Israel — 2.30 a.m. this morning, meaning another sleepless night.

Sinai was cold and windy when they touched down in Bir Gafaga and set out by bus for the stronghold at Imatiliya. En route, they viewed remnants of the Egyptian era in Sinai — the rusting hulks of trucks and jeeps, and the clumps of asphalt strewn along the side of the road, the latter dating from the Israeli evacuation after the Sinai campaign. "We didn't want to make it too easy for the Egyptians when they returned," the guide explained, "so we ploughed up the road."

Shortly afterwards, they were on their way back to Jerusalem — by bus back to Bir Gafaga, to Atarot by plane, and another bus to the hotel. In the lobby, a frantic receptionist ushered them quickly upstairs with a cry of, "Ben-Gurion is waiting!"

Waiting Mr. Ben-Gurion was in an empty suite with four empty chairs around him. In turn, the Bonds leaders took seats around him, were snapped by a waiting photographer, and were ushered out again into the hall. Few delegates had the time, or the courage, to speak to the former Premier.

Panther activity at low ebb

40 social workers in J'lem to be dismissed in March

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Municipal social workers in Jerusalem are to meet tomorrow to protest the pending dismissal of 40 of their colleagues hired during the peak of the Black Panther disturbances two years ago.

The 40, who include nine street-gang workers, were hired after the Social Welfare Ministry agreed to subsidize their full salaries. (Normally, the Ministry pays 41 per cent of social workers' salaries and the Municipality the rest.) The Ministry has now notified the Municipality that it will not continue with the full subsidy after the end of the current fiscal year, in March.

A spokesman for the Social Workers' Action Committee, which is organizing tomorrow's meeting, said the Ministry has stopped the full subsidy because of the slackening in Black Panther activity. He warned, however, that disturbances could easily flare up again. He said that the nine gang workers deal with

THE MUNICIPAL TREASURERS' Union opened its three-day annual convention in Beersheba yesterday. Among the convention's guest speakers are Haim Kuberky, Director-General of the Interior Ministry; Pinhas Eylon, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities; Mayor Eliyahu Navi of Beersheba and Mayor Yosef Neve of Herzliya.

Electoral reform prospects bleak, due to Liberal Party

By ASHER WALLFISH

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Aspects of an electoral re-creating a new system of constituency and proportional representation in the Knesset took place yesterday. The Knesset's Law, Constitution and Committee voted down a member's bill on electoral reform sponsored by the Law of the Labour-Mapsam movement. (The vote was 57-17 with abstentions.)

Organizer of the private member's bill was Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yehoshua. Haim Zerkov, who introduced the bill on the first day, where it won the narrowest majority of 51 votes.

Eight votes against the bill yesterday's committee meeting from the Herut wing of Gahal (votes); the National Religious (two votes) and one each from the Independent Liberal Party, New Communists, Agudat Yisrael and the Mapam wing of the Knesset — who are entitled to a vote on this issue.

Seven votes for the bill all from the Labour wing of the Knesset. Had the Agudat Yisrael and Independent Mapam both been present, the bill would have been turned into law.

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URBANIZATION OF ARABS

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, the Knesset on Tuesday that local councils in Arab villages and two regional councils, all in northern Israel, will be created in the future. The process of municipalization is already complete in Israel, he said. In 1948 the Arab areas contained only two councils and one local council.

Burg was replying to a motion for the agenda by Chaim Gross (Alignment-Mapam) about the "problem of services in Arab areas."

Burg said that 72 Arab villages had been linked to the telephone network, and 47 to the electricity grid. Arab villages now getting modern school kindergarten buildings.

Average population density in Arab villages and towns 2.5 persons per room, he said, the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Grossman said it was not enough to measure the progress in Arab areas against what that enjoyed before 1948. One had to see a second yardstick — conditions in the Jewish sector.

Grossman said that 35 per cent of Israel's Arabs still had no electricity; there was a shortage of classrooms; 44 villages had no water, and not one Arab locality a proper sewerage system.

ISRAEL NAMES CONSUL-GENERAL TO HONGKONG

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Israel's first Consul-General in Hong Kong is to be Immanuel Galfar, former Ambassador to Cameroon. Mr. Galfar is 55 and a former officer.

Israel's primary purpose in opening a consulate-general in Hong Kong is to boost trade with the British colony.

Mr. Galfar's appointment is expected to be officially confirmed in a few days and he will take up post shortly. Because Hong Kong is a Crown Colony there are no ambassadors serving there — only consuls-general.

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Peled: 1,300 flats rented for immigrants

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Absorption Ministry has already signed contracts for 1,300 rental flats that will house new immigrants. Absorption Minister Naphtali Peled said yesterday. The Ministry aims at renting 3,000 flats, he told the Knesset, replying to a motion for the agenda by the N.R.P.'s Mrs. Tova Sanhedrai. The motion was moved to Committee.

Mr. Peled said 450 flats have so far been adapted for use by single immigrants. Also, some 600 cars have been ordered, to increase capacity at absorption centres.

More than 5,000 immigrant families were absorbed in development areas during 1972, Mr. Peled said. This Ministry's policy is to provide some 40 per cent of all housing facilities for immigrants in such areas — as part of the general trend toward population distribution.

The big problem in the development areas is to find the right jobs and educational opportunities for the immigrants now arriving, he said. Mrs. Sanhedrai's main complaint was that the immigrants' first contact with Israeli realities showed them the country's "cold, bureaucratic side."

On another subject, the plenum voted to committee a motion for the agenda by the Alignment's Avraham Ofer, calling for close cooperation between the various municipal authorities in the Greater Tel Aviv area.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg replied that a detailed plan for such cooperation would be ready in six months. This cooperation would cover physical planning, transportation, sewage, garbage disposal, higher education, and ecology.

However, the Minister said, the municipal authorities were still reluctant to cooperate in such fields as hospitalization, day-caring, culture, sport and data processing.

The plenum voted down (22-6) a private member's bill by Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre) to encourage construction for rental housing. Only

Jewish Agency Assembly meets next week

The 'Jewish People's budget' — needs far exceed estimates

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

When the Jewish Agency Assembly meets in Jerusalem next Monday one of its major tasks will be to consider the budget estimates presented by the Treasurer, Arye Duhzin, and to discuss ways of raising more money for the coming year.

As Director-General Moshe Rivlin points out, the members will have to consider two budgets — the estimates and the "declared needs." The ravaging gap which is likely to exist between the two can be gauged from last year's figures: a budget of \$465m. (the largest in the Agency's history) and a "Statement of Needs" of \$770m.

The Assembly, as reconstituted two years ago, now has 300 members; 150 from the World Zionist Organization (about a third from Israel) and the rest from the Diaspora, and 150 from the major fund-raising organizations (89 from the U.S. and 61 from other countries, where the "Kare" has operated). As Mr. Rivlin says:

"Each of the 300 represents an important segment of all the Jewish communities in the Diaspora, and they have to take Israel's problems to their communities when they go about setting their fund-

raising targets. This heightens their sense of involvement in what happens at this end. For if we have to cut the budget, it is up to them to decide where the cuts are to be made. It can be truly said that the Jewish Agency budget is the budget of the Jewish People."

The Director-General enumerated the permanent committees of the reconstituted Jewish Agency and outlined their functions.

There is the Permanent Budget and Finance Committee, under the chairmanship of Melvin Dubinsky of St. Louis who is also chairman of the United Israel Appeal. This committee, in Mr. Rivlin's words, "digs into the budget."

Then there is the Fund-Raising Committee, with two co-chairmen: in the U.S., Edward Ginsburg, president of the United Jewish Appeal, and chairman of the American Joint Distribution Committee, and in Britain, Michael Sacher, chairman of the Joint Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Rivlin noted that members of this committee head all the major fund-raising campaigns in the Jewish world. At their most recent meeting in London, the chairman of 25 fund-raising organizations sat down to exchange information and ideas. One of the important aspects of these meetings, which take place

several times a year, Mr. Rivlin added, is that participants get an insight into the problems facing communities other than their own.

The newest scheme sponsored by this committee is an Institute in Jerusalem for the study of fund-raising. Its first course is now being attended by 22 students, most of them Israelis being trained for missions abroad. But its main function will be to provide orientation courses for key leaders of Jewish communities in the Diaspora who will come to the centre to study the entire complex of problems facing Israel and world Jewry.

Another of the Agency's permanent committees deals with housing. It is headed by the prominent New York contractor Jack Weiler, who has brought a number of Jewish building experts to Israel to discuss this burning problem with Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharet. An advisory committee composed of Israeli and foreign builders has been set up, and a group of Israeli contractors is shortly to go to the U.S. to study American housing techniques.

Still another permanent committee is the one dealing with higher education, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American section of the World Zionist Organization.

Fairs in Germany

25.2. — 1.3.1973 Frankfurt International Fair *	Frankfurt	28.3. — 1.4.1973 International Exhibition Sanitation-Heating-Air Conditioning	Frankfurt
9.3. — 11.3.1973 International Hardware Fair	Cologne	7.4. — 15.4.1973 IHM — International Light Industries and Handicraft Fair	Munich
10.3. — 18.3.1973 17th BAUMA International Construction Machinery Fair	Munich	11.4. — 15.4.1973 97th IGEDO International Fashion Fair	Duesseldorf
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25.3. — 29.3.1973 Munich Fashion Week	Munich	28.4. — 4.5.1973 Hanover Fair 1973 *	Hanover
23.3. — 25.3.1973 International Fair for the Child	Cologne	27.4. — 1.5.1973 International Fur Trade Fair	Frankfurt
24.3. — 26.3.1973 35th GDS — European Footwear Sample Display	Duesseldorf		

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Senator Stennis

U.S. senator shot twice in mugging

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Senator John Stennis, one of the most influential men in the U.S. Congress, was shot and wounded by two black teenagers in a mugging outside his Washington home on Tuesday night. He was reported in very serious condition in hospital yesterday, after a six-hour operation for bullet wounds in the stomach and leg.

The youths robbed the silver-haired 71-year-old conservative Mississippi Democrat of a watch, a wallet and 25 cents in small change just after he had parked his car outside his home in north-west Washington, D.C.

The senator, who is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told police later the teenagers said something like, "Now we are going to shoot you anyway." One of them fired two shots at him, police are still hunting the attackers.

Smallpox kills 1,000 in Bangladesh

DACCA. — More than 1,000 people have died in a smallpox outbreak in Bangladesh, according to press reports here.

Some 400 died in Dacca this month alone and the epidemic is spreading alarmingly in some areas outside the capital, it was said.

Health Minister Abdul Malek Uddin said the government was alarmed and was marshalling 38,000 family planning and malaria eradication workers to help combat the smallpox. City slum areas were described as the main epidemic spot. Fifty vaccination centres have been opened in Dacca.

2 Catholic youths executed Ulster Protestant killers given go-ahead

BELFAST (AP). — Northern Ireland's largest private Protestant army gave the green light yesterday to Protestant assassins, and during the night gunmen killed two more young Roman Catholics.

The death toll for the week rose to five. Four of the victims were Catholics.

Tom Herron, vice-chairman of the 50,000 Protestant vigilantes of the Ulster Defence Association (U.D.A.), said the U.D.A. command could no longer control the extremists and would no longer try to.

"Recent bombing outrages" by the Catholics of the Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.) had provoked the Protestants, Herron said, and "Protestants cannot keep turning the other cheek."

"We can only hope that the killings do not reach the proportion of before," said a high-ranking security officer.

The hooded body of a 14-year-old Catholic boy, Philip Rafferty, was found during the night in a car at a prehistoric stone circle south of Belfast, known as the giant's ring. The boy had been shot through the head and the hood of his blue anorak was pulled over his head.

A few hours later police found the body of a 17-year-old Catholic near a highway on the west side of Belfast. Police said the boy was apparently shot from a car as he waited for a taxi, after visiting a girl friend.

Nine explosions in Reggio Bingo chips win British woman £270,000 on pools

REGGIO CALABRIA. — Nine explosions rocked this city of 94,000 on Tuesday night, destroying cars, shattering windows and waking up thousands in panic. Police said the blasts came from explosives planted by at least three terrorists or from bombs they hurled. No one was reported injured.

The blasts resounded through Reggio, at the southernmost tip of Italy, in quick succession before midnight on Tuesday. The terrorist targets were public buildings, except one case in which the explosive was planted under a car parked in front of an apartment house where many public officials and political figures live.

The explosions cast a pall of terror and tension over this city, where riots erupted in 1970 and 1971. For four months then Reggio workers were on strike, fought police from behind barricades and repeatedly set fires in an outburst of anger over poverty and unfulfilled government promises for more jobs.

Bingo chips win British woman £270,000 on pools

WORTHING, England (AP). — Mrs. Doris Binfield, 68, used bingo chips to fill up her soccer pool and won £270,000.

Her husband Henry suggested the system. He bought a children's bingo set and told her to throw the numbers on the floor and see what came up.

She did. And that's how she came to pick eight games to end in a tie on Saturday.

About 60 English and Scottish games are normally included on a soccer pools coupon. Each one has a number. Bettors trying to pick drawn games use all kinds of systems to choose numbers. Some use the dates of family birthdays. But bingo chips are a new idea.

The Binfields only got married 14 months ago. Henry, a retired car-penter, is the brother of Mrs. Binfield's first husband, who died in 1959.

The bingo set cost 45p. Mrs. Binfield spent 60p. on a line of bets on her pools.

Plane skids into Norway fjord

OSLO (AP). — A domestic Scandinavian Airlines DC-9 jet skidded off a runway and plunged into the Oslo fjord while trying to take off from Fornebu airport, the airline reported yesterday.

All 29 passengers and the crew of four were rescued unharmed, the airline spokesman said. The plane, starting a scheduled flight to North Norway, got out of control on the runway, swayed off and plunged into the fjord at the end of the strip.

The water was covered by a thin layer of ice, enough to keep the plane afloat for about 15 minutes, the spokesman said. The crew organized a "quiet and orderly evacuation," he said.

TV. — Broadcasting officials from five Persian Gulf states will meet in Doha on February 14 to discuss the introduction of colour television to the area, it was announced yesterday.

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Cambodian villagers crouch by roadside as fighting breaks out in front of them as they flee their homes along Route 2 south of Phnom Penh. There is no cease-fire yet for strife-torn Cambodia. (AP photograph)

U.S. private, believed buried, turns up alive

WASHINGTON (AP). — A young U.S. Marine supposedly killed in Vietnam and buried by his family four years ago has turned up alive in a Communist prison camp, the U.S. Defence Department has announced.

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Two Nixon poll aides guilty in Watergate case

WASHINGTON. — Two former campaign aides in President Nixon's re-election committee were found guilty on Tuesday of breaking in and bugging the Democratic party headquarters here.

They were Gordon Liddy, 42, former White House aide and legal counsel to Mr. Nixon's re-election committee, and James McCord, 48, retired Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) official, who was the committee's security chief.

The jury deliberated only 90 minutes before returning a guilty verdict on all counts.

The verdict came quickly in the light of 16 days of trial that saw a total of 51 witnesses for the prosecution and 11 for the defense.

Liddy and McCord were the only two of the seven originally charged to stand trial. The other five pleaded guilty in the early days of the trial.

Sentencing for all seven men by chief U.S. Judge John Sirica will come later after pre-sentencing investigations.

The judge committed Liddy and McCord to jail without bail. They had been free on bond throughout the trial.

McCord was convicted of conspiracy, two counts of second degree burglary, attempting to intercept oral and wire communications, possessing bugging equipment and actually intercepting conversations.

Liddy was convicted on the same counts except for two of possessing bugging and wiretap equipment.

The case resulted from the bugging of the Democratic party headquarters before last November's presidential election and was nicknamed the "Watergate Caper" here, after the Watergate office complex where the party headquarters are located.

(Reuter, AP)

Murder of Algerian's son said 'political'

LYONS, France (Reuter). — The Algerian consul here said the killing of his 19-year-old son on Tuesday was a political attack aimed at him.

Adnan Rahal was found stabbed to death in the gardens of the consul's residence by a neighbour early Tuesday morning.

Police said the young man had been stabbed several times in the abdomen and his body dumped in his father's garden.

Armenian say he's innocent of murder

SANTA BARBARA, California (Reuter). — An Armenian pleaded not guilty in court here on Tuesday to killing the Turkish consul-general and vice-consul in Los Angeles, at a beach cottage here last Saturday.

Gorgon Yanikian, 77, a real estate developer and author, was alleged to have lured the Turks to a hotel here as part of a long-standing vendetta against all Turks for the killing of Armenians early this century.

Municipal Court Judge Frank Kearney adjourned further hearings until February 16.

(Continued from page 1)

A free trade area will create for Israel industry, the Foreign Minister remarked: "You can't have it both ways. By opening our markets to European goods we will rationalize our economy and eliminate industries which are not profitable. We shall have to make a study on the exposure of our industries and decide which can survive and which cannot."

Mr. Eban paid tribute to the support of the continental Common Market countries for Israel's bid for closer ties with E.E.C. He added: "Our aim is defined in terms of content. The label of association is linguistic and philosophical. It is less important than what we really obtain." In his speech to mark the signing of the protocol to Israel's current five-year preferential trade agreement here on Tuesday, Mr. Eban repeatedly used the word "integration" to describe these links.

In his remarks to Israeli journalists, the Foreign Minister thanked France for ending the deadlock with

Goldmann, Brandt to discuss E. German reparations today

BONN (INA). — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, meets West German Chancellor Willy Brandt and senior government officials here today to discuss Israel's chances of getting reparations money for wartime crimes from East Germany.

Dr. Goldmann, who considers Israel's demands have "a moral basis," but is sceptical of East Germany's response, will ask for Bonn's views on the demands. West Germany, under the Luxembourg agreement, has paid Israel DM3,000m. in reparations, two-thirds of Israel's demands on Germany as a whole, until now East Germany has paid any of the other one-third.

According to Reif Vogel in Tel Aviv, "Die Welt," Israel wants things from East Germany:

- Reparation for property lost.
- Reparation for property which no heir is available to claim.
- Cause total families were terminated.
- Reparation for property lost to former Jewish communities in East Germany.
- Compensation for the loss of claims of homeless Jews who emigrated to Israel after war.

Soviet scientist sent to mental home

MOSCOW (Reuter). — A scientist charged in a Kiev court with anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda was yesterday committed indefinitely to a special psychiatric hospital, usually reliable sources said.

He is Leonid Flyushech, 33, a Kiev mathematician, computer expert and civil rights advocate. He was arrested over a year ago, apparently in connection with a nationwide crackdown against an underground civil rights journal chronicle of current events.

After some months of investigation he was declared insane by the Serbsky Psychiatric Institute in Moscow and taken back to the Ukraine for trial.

On January 25 he was tried and on Tuesday he was declared to be suffering from schizophrenia and "ideas of reform-making," according to a group of friends who appealed to the authorities last week to release him and let him leave the country.

Herut man arrested after London demo

LONDON (UPI). — Police yesterday arrested Eric Graus, chairman of the London branch of Herut, after he and several supporters staged a demonstration at Heathrow airport against Soviet treatment of Jewish refugees.

The protest was aimed at a Soviet trade union delegation flying from Heathrow after visiting Britain for talks with British trade unionists.

Graus carried a banner bearing the words, "Soviets release Lubarsky." There was a scuffle when police arrested him. Graus was charged with disorderly conduct and illegally displaying a banner. He will appear in court on February 28.

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Quake hits Mexico; 12 dead

XICO CITY (Reuters). — At least 12 people were killed and scores injured by the earthquake that rocked central Mexico on Tuesday from capital city to the Pacific Coast.

The quake, which struck at lunch time, lasted for three minutes, reaching an intensity of 7.5 on the 10-point Richter Scale — stronger than the one which destroyed the Nicaraguan capital of Managua last month.

Most of the victims were reported in the Pacific Coast states of Jalisco and Michoacan, about 400 miles west of here.

Communications with Manzanillo, a village in the extreme north of Jalisco state, were still cut yesterday. Officials feared the quake may have badly hit the area, resulting in more victims.

In the capital, where buildings are small, fires broke out and power and electricity supplies failed. No-stricken office workers fled in tall, swaying buildings.

I could literally see buildings lying," said a newspaper vendor on a street corner stand.

Bonn to ratify treaty on Nazi prosecutions

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN — A Franco-German treaty permitting prosecution of former Nazi criminals convicted in absentia in France but still living free in West Germany should be ratified in three months, a Bonn Justice Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The treaty is expected to pass the Bundestag (upper house) without objections this Friday in the first step through the legislature after being introduced by the Government for the second time within a year.

A Justice Ministry spokesman announced this in response to inquiries concerning criticism that the treaty has not been ratified by the Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament) although it was signed exactly two years ago this Friday.

The treaty overrules a 1954 agreement between Bonn and the Western allies that war criminals convicted by Allied tribunals could not be tried for the same crimes in West Germany.

Ratification is necessary before justice authorities here can act in about 80 cases against former Nazi officials sentenced in absentia in France for crimes during the German occupation there.

Many of these officials reportedly went underground in West Germany after 1945 and came out only after the 1954 agreement assured safety from further prosecution.

The two-year delay in treaty ap-

proval by the Bundestag has sparked repeated protests, the last one a week ago in Düsseldorf by the International Committee of Auschwitz survivors.

The Bonn Government waited a full year — "in line with international custom" — after signing the treaty, sending it to the Bundestag in March of 1972.

The spokesman said it then fell victim to the parliamentary stalemate which paralyzed most legislation after Chancellor Willy Brandt barely survived a no-confidence vote on April 27.

Three weeks ago the Government reintroduced the ratification bill a second time, following the election of a new Bundestag last November.

The Justice Ministry spokesman said a final vote could be expected by the Bundestag in May at the latest. He stressed the Government's "considerable interest" in getting the bill passed quickly.

He said that Bundestag legal experts still wanted to ensure that the treaty did not violate the principle that a person could not be tried twice for the same crime. The Ministry, however, was convinced that the treaty could pass any legal test.

Once in effect, the treaty will allow German authorities to press charges against former Nazi officials such as Kurt Lischke, wartime Gestapo chief in Paris, Herbert Hagen, Gestapo chief in Bordeaux, and Egon Zill, head of the Naziweiser concentration camp in Alsace.

Unhappy choice

MUSIC
REVIEW

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, Ezra Rachlin, conductor; Palina Saltzman, piano (The Jerusalem Theatre, January 26). Dan Aronowicz: "Festival Overture" (1958); Glig: Piano Concerto in A, opus 16; Creston: Invention and Dance; Kabalevsky: Suite from "Coles Breegones."

It was a nice gesture of the foreign guest conductor to choose an Israeli composition for his programme (a practice little observed by our own conductors). However, the "Festival Prelude" by Dan Aronowicz is hardly representative of local creative efforts. The piece is basically homophonic and poorly orchestrated. It has no plan of development for the brittle material and a monotonous rhythmic background, employing percussion in a very clumsy manner.

The Prelude — although written in 1958 — apparently tries to recall the good, old days of early Palestine, around the second and third decades of this century. In its naïveté it is reminiscent of accompaniment to old Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemet films.

Palina Saltzman played her solo part in the Glig Concerto in her usual manner, complete with trillings, but a more contemporary approach might have made listening more satisfactory — fresher, more crisp attack, less 19th century sentimentality, could have saved much of the Glig heritage for our ears.

Mr. Ezra Rachlin selected for the second part of the programme two effective but rather shallow pieces. Paul Creston's "Sacred Music" is a rather shallow piece, although it is effective in its use of the orchestra effectively and succeeds quite well in avoiding too close an affinity with Stravinsky's "Sacred du Primitifs"; he also offers some rhythmic interest.

The Kabalevsky Suite is most effective in orchestral sound and tone masses, flows easily, and in the context of an opera, probably serves its purpose. In a concert hall, however, although one can appreciate the conductor's facility and the orchestra's response, one would have liked to have heard a work of consequence to appreciate fully Mr. Rachlin's qualities.

YOHANAN BOEHM

All Debussy night

Flute recital by Arie Vardi (Tel Aviv Museum, January 23). All Debussy programme: Suite Bergamasque; Preludes, Vol. 2.

MR. Vardi is an artist of great integrity, capable of rewarding the most demanding and refined listener. Although this was an all-Debussy programme, he sustained a high level of excitement and tension all through the recital. He possesses a remarkable touch, warm, pleasant and melodious. Yet it is flexible and when necessary, also powerful and rich. In the music of Debussy, in which expression is something entirely different from in romantic music and is achieved to a great extent by variation of touch, this is a remarkable asset. Yet Vardi is never obsessed by the effects he achieves. They are merely means to achieve a much wider, deeper and more penetrating musical insight which allows us to see what is behind nebulous outlines.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

PARIS POLICE ARMED WITH UZIS

PARIS (Reuters). — French newspaper pictures published here yesterday of members of the Paris police force's special anti-crime unit at the scene of a bank hold-up, showed policemen were armed with Israeli-designed Uzi sub-machine-guns.

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Pompidou to visit China in September

PARIS (Reuters). — French President Georges Pompidou will pay an official visit to China starting September 11, the Elysee Palace announced here yesterday.

The announcement said Mr. Pompidou would be visiting China at the invitation of Prime Minister Chou En-lai and Tong Pi-wu, China's interim President, but did not say how long the visit would last.

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LEADERS MAY GET SURPRISE

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Hapoel, trailing Hakoah of Ramat Gan by one point in the two-team championship race, appear to have the easier task of the two clubs in National League Football this Saturday.

Tel Aviv Hapoel will be at home to Beersheba Hapoel. Both teams emerged narrow winners last week. However, Tel Aviv Hapoel has a goal average of 27:13, whereas Beersheba Hapoel show a 22:22 goal balance. One would not hesitate to select Tel Aviv Hapoel to win this game at the Bloomfield Stadium were it not for the poor form and lack of enthusiasm shown by the Tel Aviv team in recent weeks. Beersheba Hapoel, 2:1 winners over Shimonah in the Negev last week, are a much better home side than when playing away. All things considered, Tel Aviv Hapoel are likely to take the two points.

Hakoah, 1:0 winners in Jerusalem last week, return home to entertain Hakoah Maccabi. The Hakoah team has shown much improved form in recent weeks and were the biggest National League winners of the last week in beating Netanya Maccabi 2:0. Although form would point to a clearcut win for Hakoah, who have a 26:12 goal average compared with Hakoah's 18:20 goal deficit, this reporter has a strong suspicion that Hakoah Maccabi may pull off a surprise result in Ramat Gan. Sportoto Football Pool players are advised to save on a draw.

The big attraction at the Bloomfield Stadium this week will be the match between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Jaffa Maccabi. Last season's League champions have given indications of returning to better football, and scored an extremely useful 1:0 win over Petah Tikva Maccabi at the same ground last week. Tel Aviv Maccabi's problem remains the lack of goal scoring prowess in attack: they have scored only 17 goals in 18 League games.

Jaffa Maccabi have one of the strongest defences in the League, and one cannot imagine Tel Aviv Maccabi getting many goals this Saturday. Jaffa Maccabi have been consistently unlucky in recent weeks, playing good football but losing points. An own goal last week again cost it both points. No result

would come as a surprise in this game, and a draw looks as likely as any.

Jerusalem Hapoel, in third place in the league, return to the Katamon ground in the Capital. Visitors this week will be Shimonah, struggling to avoid relegation. Moshe Romano, Gideon Damir and Co. are worth more than 15th place, but it would come as a surprise if they managed to collect points from Jerusalem Hapoel in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Betar travel to Petah Tikva to face Maccabi. The last time these teams met, Betar won 1:0 in Jerusalem. It is doubtful, whether they will repeat the win as Petah Tikva Maccabi are a strong home team and Jerusalem Betar are much poorer away than when playing at the Y.M.C.A. ground in the Capital. Betar considered itself unlucky to lose 0:1 at home to Hakoah and a draw should not be excluded in forecast calculations.

Fighting for their life in the National League, Marmorek Hapoel have another tough engagement playing away to Hakoah Marmorek Hapoel gave Kfar Saba Hapoel a hard game last week and were clearly unlucky to lose both points in a 1:0 defeat. Marmorek did the attacking virtually throughout the game. Hakoah Marmorek too are nearing the relegation zone, and are



By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

currently in 13th place. Home-ground advantage may be the crucial factor to enable Engländer, Gindin and Leventhal to win both points for Haifa.

IL300,000 WIN

Only one player marked an all correct line of 13 results last week, scooping IL300,000 in the Sportoto Football Pool. The man lives in Tirat Hacarmel, near Haifa. Forty-eight coupons showed 12 correct results, each worth IL2,500. Over 700 had 11 results correct and will receive cheques for IL170. Ten results were worth IL21. The minimum total prize money this week will be IL500,000, the Sports Betting Council has announced.

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Top woman tennis star

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Lawn Tennis Association's newly-published 1973 ranking list once again names Tel Aviv Hapoel's Tova Epstein as top woman player, the 12th successive year she has headed the list.

The men's rankings are headed by her club-mate, Yehoshua Shalem, for the third year running, as already briefly reported in these columns.

A new name follows Mrs. Epstein in the women's list, with Janine Schmahmann replacing Gillian Kay in the No. 2 position. Miss Schmahmann immigrated to Israel from South Africa just a year ago and quickly made her mark on the local game. Mara

Cohen-Mintz is third in the new list, with Gillian Kay dropping to fourth spot.

In the men's rankings, Yosef Stabholz is placed at No. 2 and Jan Froman at No. 3, both for the third year running (Froman is another former South African).

The biggest "promotion" has been achieved by national junior champion Yair Wertheimer, who jumps from 10th spot last year to fourth in the new table.

In the junior under-18 rankings, the boys' list is led by Reuven Porges and Danny Kalovsky—Wertheimer was competing abroad for much of last season, and so missed many of the I.L.T.A.'s youth tournaments. The top two girls in this age division are Ronit Heller and Shlomit Levy.

Beirut students prevented from demonstrating

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Security forces near the Ministry of Education here yesterday prevented students from staging demonstrations in support of striking government school teachers.

More than 40 people were reported injured on Tuesday in clashes between police and student demonstrators backing the 16,000 teachers' strike. A last week's strike in the north ended with the firing of tear gas.

Police yesterday prevented students from gathering but allowed them to enter the Faculty of Education, near the Ministry, individually.

Reports from Sidon in South Lebanon and Tripoli in the north said a situation was calm there, although classes were partially disrupted by strikes among teachers.

Most of Lebanon's 19,000 private school teachers, who had gone on strike on Tuesday in solidarity with their colleagues in government schools, returned to work yesterday.

Italy's health services hit by strikes

ROME (Reuters). — Italy's health services were semi-paralyzed yesterday as junior hospital doctors and dental service employees struck all over the country.

Apart from causing inconvenience to the general public, the strikes, together with others due in the next few days, will put further pressure on the government, already struggling with the massive metalworkers' unions.

Some 25,000 junior hospital doctors began a three-day strike, demanding a new work contract, a revision of their qualifying examination system, and a full national health system to replace the present piecemeal arrangement. Other doctors, belonging to a separate union which is not striking, were expected to keep essential services going.

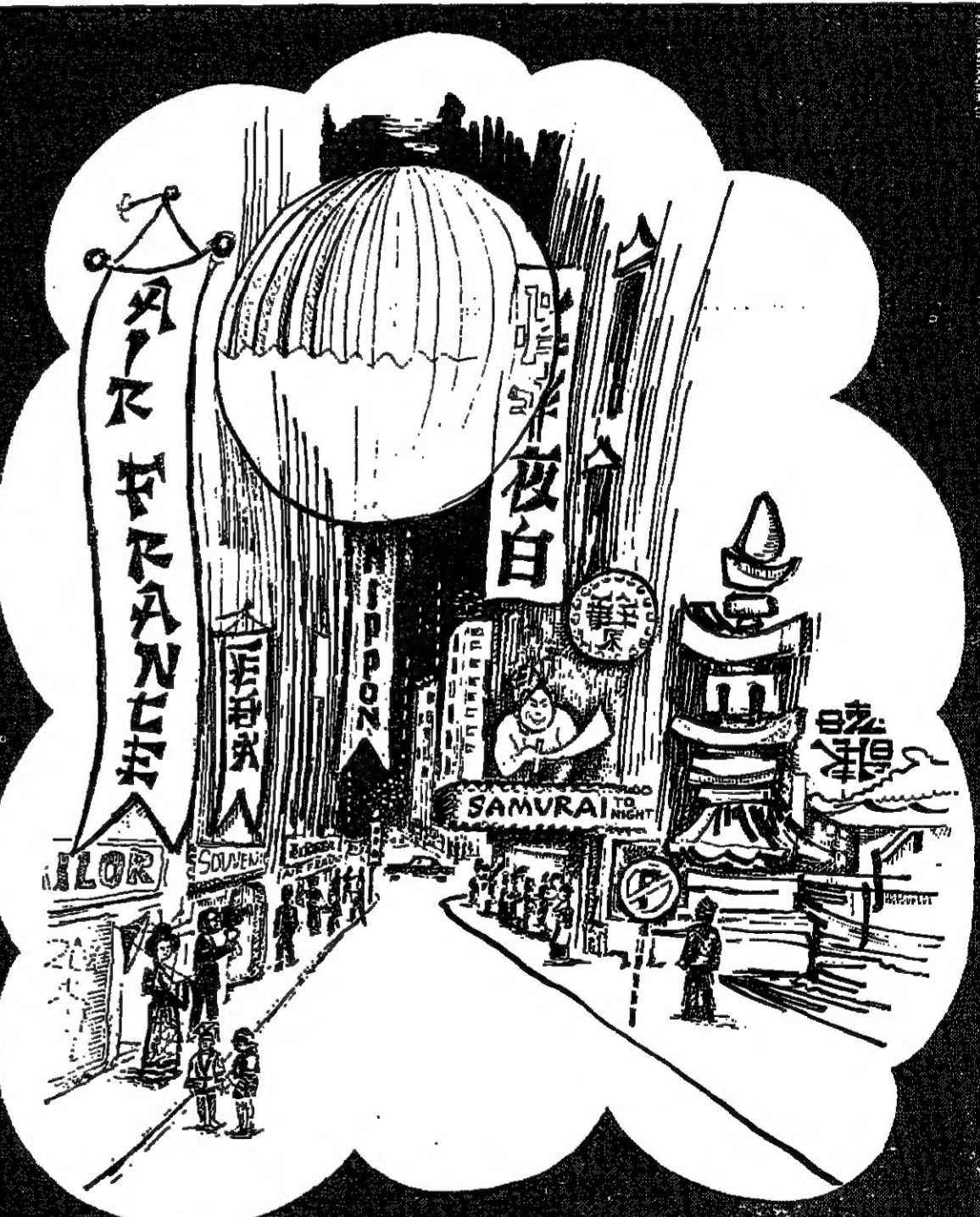
In another strike, 200,000 social service workers held a 24-hour nationwide stoppage. They also plan further strikes staggered by regions until February 15, when another national walkout is scheduled.

Italian F.M. due in Cairo

CAIRO (Reuters). — Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Medici is due in Cairo today for a five-day official visit which will include talks on the Middle East with Prime Minister Ugo La Malfa and other Egyptian leaders.

The Italian minister and his delegation are expected to discuss the role Italy and other European countries can play in seeking a settlement in the Middle East.

Italy is one of the countries hardest hit by a trade-point-of-view in the closure of the Suez Canal, and is keenly interested in a solution which would lead to the reopening of the waterway.



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JEWISH CAPITAL ATTRACTED TO ISRAEL

By DAVID KEIVINE

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Israel is becoming a centre of attraction for Jewish capital from all over the world. There are already at least 100,000 bank accounts here belonging to foreign residents, Dr. Lehmann, Chairman of Bank Leumi, informed the Jerusalem Press Club at a meeting held on Sunday evening.

Also, American Jews are showing a growing interest in the Israeli stock market. A number of American investors are active in the U.S. It is significant that two American banks have opened business in Israel (the reference is to the First National Bank and the First International Bank of New York).

In addition, Israeli stock issues are being sold in the American market. The sale of the First National Bank of New York will continue on a world-wide basis, Dr. Lehmann said. The sale is the accumulation of American funds, which has pumped 100 million dollars into the Israeli stock market and financial institutions. This sum equals half of all the foreign currency reserves in the country. The sale of the bank is a five times the size of American reserves.

An issue of Special Drawing Rights by the International Monetary Fund, a new form of international money, intended to ensure sufficient financial liquidity for international trade — comes at a time when too much liquidity exists, Dr. Lehmann noted. The SDRs were issued only three years ago and are more of them today than in the past.

On top of this, central banks are allowed to sell gold at the fixed price, inflation will increase, Dr. Lehmann noted. The Japanese bank, in despair, has

asked its American clients to close their yen accounts and withdraw the dollars. Thus the only way left for these depositors, if they want to go on using the bank, is to lease a safe-deposit box and put the bank notes inside.

Dr. Lehmann stressed that surplus liquidity in the world's financial centres and the facility with which money moves from country to country, frustrate all attempts by the central banks to control inflation. Faced with a counter-inflationary credit-squeeze at home, banks are diverting an increasing share of their activity to foreign (that is, foreign-currency) transactions.

So bank profits are booming, at least in nominal terms, but Dr. Lehmann pointed to the attendant risks. One of them is that balance-sheets grow faster than own capital. In Israel banks, own capital averaged 2.5 per cent of liabilities, and only two countries are as low as that — Italy and India. "It won't be easy, I imagine, to find a way of dealing with the problem (of ensuring sufficient equity) in the Banking Law now under preparation."

Turning to the local stock exchange, of which he is chairman, Dr. Lehmann said that demand for securities soared last year, outpacing the supply of new equity issues. "This is why share prices have become so high in Israel," he said. "It is not easy to get public companies to issue shares, because they do not want outside information about their affairs, or prefer to exploit the relatively cheap, non-linked long-term development loans made available by the authorities."

Dr. Lehmann foresees that business firms will unavoidably turn more and more to the share market because credit will grow less rapidly than business activity — because of the counter-inflationary policies pursued by the Bank of Israel.

Appeal against taxman in compensation dispute upheld

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals
Before Justices Landau, Witkon and Kister
Meir Stein, Appellant, v. Tel Aviv Assessing Officer, Respondent (C.A. 463-71)

LAW REPORT
The Jerusalem Post
Edited by Doris Lankin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1973
LOSS OF SOURCE OF FUTURE INCOME IS CAPITAL LOSS

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on July 1, 1971.

The appellant sold his grocery shop and invested the proceeds in a partnership with a building contractor. The partnership eventually broke up because of the building contractor's breach of contract and the arbitrator, to whom the dispute between the partners was referred, decided that the appellant should receive his initial investment back, plus interest, and that, in addition, he should be given compensation to the amount of IL35,000 in consideration of the fact that he had, in the arbitrator's words, "lost his source of income."

The Income Tax Assessing Officer maintained that the IL35,000 constituted revenue income as, in his opinion, it had been paid to the appellant as compensation for loss of income due to the breach of contract, however it might have been defined by the arbitrator. He therefore demanded that the appellant pay income tax on it. The District Court dismissed the appellant's appeal against this demand on the grounds that the IL35,000 did not constitute compensation for the appellant's loss of his previous source of income (his grocery shop) but that it constituted compensation for the future income of which he had been deprived due to the breach of the partnership agreement.

In the appeal against this decision to the Supreme Court Mr. D. Razumov appeared for the appellant and Mr. E. Rubin, Senior Assistant State Attorney, for the respondent.

Justice Witkon, who delivered the main opinion of the Supreme Court, Justice Landau concurring, held at the outset that the District Court had been correct in asserting that income must be examined on its merits and that it is irrelevant what title the parties to a transaction, or even an arbitrator, append to it. It is true, he said, that for income tax purposes, transactions must be interpreted in accordance with their actual nature and content, and not on the basis of the assessing officer's opinion of what their nature could, or should be (see Witkon and Neuman on Taxes, 4th ed. p. 49; and C.A. 642-70, 2 P.D. 25-659). But it is equally true that when the content of the transaction is perfectly clear and it is obvious that the proceeds therefrom are in the nature of taxable revenue, then the fact that the parties to the transaction present it as a completely different light is neither here nor there. Nor is it relevant, he added, that the transaction is presented in a different light in an arbitration award (see C.A. 171-67, 2 P.D. 21-186).

In short, Justice Witkon held, it had been permissible to examine the nature of the IL35,000 compensation received by the appellant purely on its merits, and the main point at issue was whether the District Court's evaluation of these merits had been correct. The District Court, he continued, had come to the conclusion that the compensation had been paid for the appellant's loss of potential income in the future and therefore constituted a revenue gain, and that it had not been paid for the appellant's loss of his shop as a source of income, which would have made it a capital gain. In reaching this decision, he had relied on two previous Supreme Court decisions

TEL AVIV STOCKS SHARES RALLY

TEL AVIV. — A rally started yesterday at the beginning of the session, with most shares closing at their best. Turnover rose to IL7.1m. worth, IL4.65m. in the variables.

The General Share Index, which has lost only 4 per cent since its peak of 336.85 last Thursday, recovered 1.89 per cent yesterday to stand at 329.55.

The downward trend until yesterday should be seen as a technical correction after a long period of rising prices.

Sellers were less in evidence yesterday, and prices recovered a good part of what they lost during the week.

L.D.B. Bankholding rose 6 (143,400), Bank Leumi 14 (228,800). Housing and Mortgage Preferred 13 (30,000), Hassneh 11 (24,900), Delek Registered 10 (37,500), Africa 11 (19,000), I.L.D.C. Bearer 14 (65,800), Dubek 25 (24,500), Ta'al 16 (46,000). Discount Investment 17 1/2 (119,800), Bank Leumi Investment 9 (45,000) and Clal Investment 9 (45,000).

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Electric Corp.		73.5	73
BANKING INSUR. & FINANCE			
Clear Elvaystrut	r	338	340
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	318.8	317
Union Bank	r	479	470
Gn. Mortgage Bank	b	317	314
Israel British Bank	b	397	357
Discount Bank - A	r	830	829
A United Mizrahi Bank	b	419	420
Bank Esposalim-10%	b	432	426
Bank Esposalim-10% Inv.	b	152	153
Bank Leumi - A	r	411	415
Bank Hapnati	b	294	295
Bank Hapnati - Bank-8%	r	80	82
Dev. & Mortgage Bank	b	290	290
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	253	276
Civil Industries	r	343	268
Israel Cent. Trade	r	327	327
Israel Foreign Insurance	b	278	287
Wolfson, I.L.I	b	214.5	214.5
Wolfson, I.L.O	b	327	326
Tefaher - C	b	279	274
Tefaher - C	b	279	279
Sahar - "C"	b	325	320

Sudden switch on inflation

THE decision yesterday by the economic ministers' committee to act jointly with the Histadrut to stem inflation is a welcome step.

The need to apply a brake to rapidly rising prices and wages has long been obvious. Yet calls for a sterner policy did not seem to make any great impression on the Government's posture. Rather the public was reassured that the economy is under control. Less than a month ago the budget for 1973 was tabled envisaging further growth and inflation along the same lines as in the past year. The national budget's economic forecasts were based on a similar approach.

Moreover, the way the decision was announced leaves doubt about its actual purpose. The official communiqué mentioned checking price rises, and the intention to strengthen the links between prices, wages and taxes. It also hinted that the employers should take part in the process, without making clear what role they are expected to play. As a

matter of fact, the employers have neither been invited nor consulted, and they are wary of taking part in another "package deal."

The main aim of the new policy seems to be to slow down price rises in order to avoid another Cost-of-Living allowance increase in mid-year. To that end price controls may again be stiffened, and subsidies increased beyond the amounts included in the budget. If this effort would cut the current rate of the price creep by half, that is, bring it down from over one per cent a month to 1/2 per cent, the Histadrut would probably be ready to delay the next C-o-L hike to January 1974, and even to freeze some retroactive wage adjustments already contracted. The current price level would thus be kept more stable than had been forecast, although more of the inflationary stress would be shifted to the next year.

In any case, if prices do not rise, private consumption is likely to increase even more than expected, unless something is also done to curb incomes.

NIXON'S TOUGH STANCE

WASHINGTON. — WILL it be a reasonably open Presidency for the next four years or a closed one? An inaugural speech by itself cannot tell us, and President Nixon's didn't. It depends not on words but on deeds.

So I look for omens. I find a note in the "Japan Times." For 1973, it says, "The persevering ox has taken over the wheel of the Oriental zodiac from the shrewd rat, which reigned over the world in 1972."

Since Richard Nixon has just turned 60, and was born in the Year of the Ox, I read on, only to find that people born under the sign will show extraordinary, ox-like obstinacy.

It almost makes me believe in the Oriental zodiac. Who can doubt that Richard Nixon is persevering and obstinate, and that he has shown it more than ever in the past three months? We may be in for another four years of it.

Is that bad? Not necessarily. Not if he keeps the Presidency and himself open to an exchange of ideas and a competition of policies. And if he keeps the government open to a balancing of its major branches. A man doesn't get to be president twice unless he has a formidable will.

The Presidency is encircled by adversaries, hostilities, hatreds, competing ambitions, partisan rancors. A stubborn perseverance may be the only way by which a President can hope to shape the resistant material of political life to his programmes and purposes.

But stubbornness can be bad when a President isolates himself, when he locks himself up in the prison of his thoughts, plans, resentments, carrying on his office from there and throwing the key away.

There has always been a tug-of-war between Presidents and their Congresses. Various Presidents have used an array of strategies in the contest. They have wooed a hostile Congress, stormed against it, soft-soaped it, pressured it, sought to educate particular Congressmen and Senators, or seduced them by flattery or patronage.

Franklin Roosevelt was good at it, Harry



"Christian Science Monitor"

Unless Mr. Nixon opens the Presidency to the fresh winds of discussion and opposition, the four years ahead will be bitter ones, writes Max Lerner

Truman not so good, John Kennedy awkward, Dwight Eisenhower reasonably effective, Lyndon Johnson brilliant. Nixon lacks Johnson's talent at Congressional relations, but recently he also seems to lack the taste for it. He would do well to recultivate it.

True, American government is no longer Congressional government, and has become Presidential government. But it still involves

working in tandem with Congress and the courts, and yes, with that fourth branch, the media, and even with that fifth branch, the institutional one, including business, labour and the universities.

No matter how strong and tough a President is, he can't afford to make enemies of all these power rivals of his for any length of time. He can't ignore them or isolate himself from them and still hope to govern a reasonably unified country.

I have several times noted how strongly Nixon is taken with de Gaulle's image and leadership. But France was not America, and de Gaulle was not Nixon. De Gaulle was able to strut to his full height because "le grand Charles" captivated even while he infuriated. Surprise and stubbornness were in themselves not enough.

Moreover, de Gaulle came to power as the hero who could override the parliamentary system. The French people were thoroughly fed up with the parliamentarians, with their pettiness, their instability, their lack of vision. Americans don't respect Congress much, but they don't use it as the symbol of all their discontents. They feel more bitter about the media, and some day an ambitious politician might ride to power on a campaign against the media. To an extent, Nixon has been using such a campaign, but it won't enable him to sustain a feud with every other branch of the system.

Nixon has had rough treatment from the media. But his resentment goes beyond them to what he feels is a liberal ideology which poor-mouths and down-grades America's world position and its future. We haven't understood until now how strongly he has come to identify his opponents as such ideologists — even some shrewd, hard politicians who are playing the political game, not the ideological one.

In the Year of the Ox, I doubt whether he will relax this stubborn stance of his. But unless he does, unless he opens the Presidency to the fresh winds of discussion and opposition, the four years ahead will be bitter ones, even without a war to cast its shadow on them.



ISRAEL PRESS

Terrorism and politics

Al Hamishmar (Mapam): "The discovery of the letter-bombs shows that the terrorist front is the only one on which constant activity against Israel is maintained. War threats by the Arab leaders notwithstanding, they — or at least some of them — realize that the time is not ripe for confrontation. The establishment of the joint command and support for terrorist activity is necessary for the Arab leaders to keep the conflict simmering. Accordingly, side by side with combating terrorism, thought should be devoted to preparing the ground for a decision on the political plane."

Davar (Histadrut) on the E.E.C. protocol Mr. Eban signed on Tuesday: "The protocol is a final respite given us before the dismantling of the high customs barrier which has protected Israeli industry. The gradual abrogation of protective customs duties will be the beginning of a test — a cruel one, no doubt — for the Israeli economy, obliging it to compete in quality and reasonable prices."

Hatzofe (National Religious) comments on the E.E.C. protocol and France's attitude of understanding toward Israel and the E.E.C. compared with Britain's attitude: "This development obliges Israel to embark upon political initiative to retain her position with the Common Market countries."

Ha'aretz (non-party): "Despite the continued fighting in Vietnam, it is unlikely that this is the beginning of a new war. The last-minute attempt by both sides to snatch a village here or a bridge there possibly hints at their belief that once the four-sided mapping commission finishes marking the boundaries, it will be difficult to change them. Moreover, North Vietnam might conclude that American rehabilitation aid is more important than an attempt to seize power in Saigon."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael): "The fighting in Vietnam continues because the Communists want all and are not prepared to concede anything. This is the core of the Communist doctrine. An analogy is found in the Middle East where the Arabs are not prepared for concessions. Their actual desire is to annihilate the State of Israel."

Omer (Histadrut): "The U.N. has proved that it is unable to make peace or to maintain it, both in Vietnam and in the Middle East. We therefore, must not hand over to it any vital issue for its decision."

FOREIGN PRESS

The Vietnam danger

NEW YORK (AP). — The Vietnam situation is still acutely dangerous for the U.S., the "New York Times" said yesterday.

In an editorial the paper said: "No one expected the Vietnam War to end tidily. As long as the cease-fire documents did not draw a specific map of on-the-ground control, last-minute grabs for position across South Vietnam were fully expected. But the intensity of small-unit fighting these last two days stretches the anticipated untidiness to the limit."

"The coming days are a moment of acute danger for the U.S. government, both for the policy-makers of the executive branch and for the congress."

"Has the U.S. removed itself

Readers' letters

Egged: are some more equal?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have been living in Israel for three and a half years, and since my husband is a bus driver employed by Egged (for five years except for six months before we were married) I feel that I have learned a little about this company. A recent article about Egged, you quoted an Egged spokesman as saying that the financial commitment necessary for becoming a member of Egged was not as rumoured, IL80,000-IL100,000, but much lower. This is not true. I will not quote the exact amount we were recently told, but it is a few thousand pounds above this range.

My husband — like 99 per cent of the bus drivers employed by Egged who are not members — is a member of the union, but cannot. Where could we get that amount of money? How could anyone, with the salary Egged pays its employed driver, raise that amount of money without getting into financial difficulties over their heads?

I cannot understand how an Israeli company which is connected to the Histadrut can take advantage of its employees as Egged does. These drivers work 100 per cent harder than the members, doing all of the work the members won't do — long trips to other cities, drivers for specially hired buses, early morning and late night shifts in one day, etc. — but receive only 20 per cent of the salary of a member. If this 20 per cent was enough to live on, it would be fine, but it isn't. I also work, and we have one baby only, but with the cost of living what it is today, we barely get along.

My husband's salary is between IL550-IL650 net. When he earned about IL650, he had worked an average of 13 hours daily, which is too much for a driver with responsibility for about 50 passengers, and which is against the law in the United States.

In order to be permanent in his job, Egged has made a regulation that a driver must work three years continuously before getting this status which also entails a good raise in salary. However, if there is any break in employment, even for a month, they start counting the three years from the time he begins working again.

I have noted where I live that due to one or all of the above-mentioned facts, quite a few drivers have left Egged in the past few months for jobs with more reasonable conditions.

Today a bus driver is a professional, for he deals with the Israeli public and with tourists. He must conduct himself accordingly, and be able to handle the many varied situations which arise in his work. He must be in perfect physical condition, have a high school education, know a minimum amount of English, and meet several other requirements. Due to the above facts, there is a lack of bus drivers in Israel today.

ANONYMOUS (Name and address supplied) Tiberias, January 2.

Egged replies: There is a lot of truth in your correspondent's letter which reveals the pain and sorrow of a worker's wife who sees her husband work hard for long hours and still has to go out to work herself so that a family with one child can make ends meet.

As a result of this bitterness, there is a feeling of a grudge against the "boss" — in this case the members of Egged. There is a saying that the neighbour's grass is always greener and it certainly applies here. Not only do employees work hard for insufficient remuneration, but members work just as hard and their pay does not keep up with the cost of living.

Your correspondent is mistaken in referring to two separate camps in Egged — employees versus members. Especially in regard to working conditions, our cooperative is characterized by complete equality of workers and work assignments, which are identical for all. I categorically reject the claim that employees do the harder work.

Most salaried employees at Egged work in offices and auxiliary jobs and only a few drive buses in the hope of becoming members. In the last year alone, we took in more than 800 new members, of whom only 10 per cent were members' sons. Moreover, there is no distinction between old and new members with regard to working conditions. What makes all of them really equal is the fact that a bus driver's job in Israel is a dull and difficult one.

As far as salary is concerned, a member's salary is obviously higher than an employee's, otherwise why would employees invest large amounts to purchase a share and go into debt for many years for this purpose. I must deny your correspondent's claims about an employee's salary. The pay of salaried

employees is fixed by the union and we pay accordingly. Of course, your correspondent was wrong about her husband's salary, but since she feels the salary paid both to members and employees is inappropriate and insufficient in view of their responsibilities, there is no point in going into greater detail and stating the real salary an employee brings home after a 12-hour work day. All employees who drive Egged buses are candidates for membership and the employee period is only transitory.

Your anonymous writer knows that her husband's "sufferings" as a salaried driver are temporary and his hope of becoming a full-fledged member dwarts the other problems which a "devoted" wife feels strongly.

We do not fix the price of our shares arbitrarily: it is pegged to the actual cost of half a bus since two members work one bus. We do not force anyone to join Egged. Whoever is unwilling to pay the cost of a share is free to go elsewhere. But it seems a bit pretentious and not even courteous to present the problem of shares in the way your correspondent did.

The Egged spokesman was correct about the value of a share; however, your correspondent ignores some important facts about the facilities Egged grants to employees who want to become members, in particular to those who work in Jerusalem. The reductions we grant such people in the form of loans from Egged alone vary between IL15,000 and IL25,000.

Your correspondent's bitterness has its origin in the difficult working conditions of all Egged drivers — members and employees alike — particularly in Jerusalem where rent and cost of living are high, streets narrow and congested, and a driver puts in a hard day of exhausting work.

Notwithstanding her erroneous and anonymous claims, your correspondent did an unintentional service to bus drivers by showing the other side of the coin to passengers.

M. SHIFMAN, Spokesman
Tel Aviv, January 21.

(In a P.S., the Egged spokesman queries the identity of the writer. The Jerusalem Post has the name and address of all its correspondents on file and never handles anonymous mail. However, we agree to maintain the anonymity of correspondents in special cases and at our own discretion. — Ed. J.P.)

How Kupat Holim treats its doctors

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I wish to refer to the letter from Martin Rhodes of London which appeared in your issue of January 3.

Would Mr. Rhodes claim that all general practitioners in England treat their patients in hospital?

Does Mr. Rhodes object to the patient freely choosing his doctor?

Does Mr. Rhodes know that clinic doctors do not work the full number of hours they are supposed to, and that is the main cause of most of the overcrowding?

The problem of pay is not particular to doctors, but to all salaried workers.

Mr. Rhodes' claim that Kupat Holim doctors are not free agents is categorically rejected. There is no medical institution in Israel or abroad where a doctor has as many possibilities to examine a patient, make laboratory tests and X-rays, hold consultations, have the patient hospitalized, and prescribe medication and treatment as in the Histadrut's Kupat Holim. No method of practice is imposed on any doctor. What a pity that the doctors do not display more initiative and devote more time and goodwill to this aspect of their work.

Mr. Rhodes' accusation that Kupat Holim treats its doctors like its cleaners merits only a smile, or contempt. Maybe he thinks cleaners should be treated less well. This is neither our policy nor our attitude. If doctors as a group of individuals feel this way, it is a sad error — almost a sick over-reaction to an inferiority complex on the one hand, and to a desire to be superior on the other. It would be possible to forgive this desire for su-

periority if the doctors' work ethics were characterized by a desire to excel, but as long as they behave like all the other members of our changing, materialistic and permissive society, they have no right to assume such an attitude, which is the result of hypocrisy.

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DRIVERS' PAY

HELP THE RETARDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — My husband and I were greatly moved by the documentary film on TV Sunday night, "A child for a lifetime." Having had a little baby just recently, it broke our heart to see other little ones who unfortunately will never be like our children. We were moved and interested by all the research and good rehabilitation programmes.

National Insurance gives out cheques to mothers who have had babies and thus I received mine yesterday. I decided to give part of it to Aikim, and I call on other mothers to follow. If we can't help by actively doing something, at least let us help this way, as any programme needs money behind it, and there is never enough of it.

ELEANOR FARBBER
Savoyon, January 23.

RELATIVE GUILT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was terribly upset to hear about the four Israelis accused of being spies and traitors. We Jews of the Golan love Israel like our true country and do our best to help her, as we believe that is our duty. So it is intolerable to hear of Sabras accused of being traitors. If found guilty, they should be sentenced to death. Israel is still at war and the penalty for treason during war is death.

If found guilty, the Israeli Arabs are also culpable but they would not be as guilty as Sabras and should not be sentenced to death. An appropriate punishment would be expulsion from Israel for them and their families.

RINA DEBORA SEGEE
Turin, Italy, December 18.

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The Ministry of Education and Culture announces that registration for Kindergartens, Elementary Schools and Schools for Working Youth throughout the country will take place February 4-16, 1973.

The following must register for:

Kindergarten
All 5-year-old children born between Jan. 2, 1968-Dec. 31, 1968

Elementary School
All 6-year-old children born between Dec. 14, 1966-Jan. 1, 1967

Schools for Working Youth
Boys and girls, 14-17, who have not completed elementary school. Parents are requested to register their children at the place and times set by local authorities. Registration at the proper time increases a child's chances of being enrolled in the kindergarten or school closest to his home.

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